Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Letter No. 7595, dated 14th March 1913, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the following report of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, on the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition and Cattle Show held at Tirthahalli on the 7th January 1913 during the car festival of Sri Rameswaradevaru and the Yellamavasya jatra:—

Letter No. 519, dated 14th February 1913, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition and the Cattle show held at Tirthahalli on the 7th January 1913, during the Rathotsavam of the Local God Sri Ramesvaradevaru and the Yellamavasya jatra.

2. *Nature of exhibition and the circumstances under which it was held.*—It had been usual to hold on a small scale local exhibitions on the occasion, during the last three years. As these were found to afford entertainment as well as instruction to the gathered people, the District Board, when it met at Channagiri last year (3rd February 1912) during the exhibition there, had resolved that the 1913 exhibition should be held at Thirthahalli. This resolution was communicated to the taluk and the leading raiyats and Sahukars of the taluk then present (at the meeting on 20th November 1912), received the idea enthusiastically and resolved that an exhibition on a large scale should be held in 1913, and that no pains should be spared to make it a success. A cattle show was also to be held along with it as usually done in the case of all exhibitions.

3. *Constitution of committee and membership.*—A Committee of Management was elected with the following gentlemen as members:—

1. Mr. Agumbi Rama Rao, (President).
2. ,, K. Ramakrishna Bhat and
3. ,, H. S. Rama Rao } Joint Secretaries.
4. ,, K. Thimmanna Bhat.
5. ,, B. Venkatasubbannachar.
6. ,, Devangi Ramanna Gowda.
7. ,, V. Subramanya Bhat.
8. ,, Ranganna Gowda.
9. ,, Tammaiya Bhat.
10. ,, Y. Sheshappa.
11. ,, A. Venkataramanaiya.
12. ,, Sivappa Gowda.

4. *Financial help.*—The exhibition was to be financed by the Municipal and District Boards and by voluntary subscription.

5. *Co-operation and encouragement of Amildar.*—The Amildar took much interest in the work and helped the members by active co-operation and sound advice.

6. *Prospectus and prize lists.*—A prospectus and prize lists were prepared and widely circulated all over the taluk and also published in the Gazette. The District Forest Officer and Amildars of other taluks helped to make the exhibition a success by procuring exhibits, etc.

7. *Exhibition building and grounds.*—The Anglo-Vernacular School was used as the exhibition building by the courtesy of the Educational Department. A big green pendal was erected in front of it for staging the agricultural exhibits (such as machinery, etc). The building hall and pendal were both tastefully decorated with plantains, leaves and other sylvan materials.

8. *Ground for cattle show.*—The open plain near the Kushavati bridge (about 2 furlongs from the exhibition grounds) was selected for the cattle show, as it was conveniently situated near water. A row of pendals were put up for sheltering cattle from the sun.

9. *Lighting, sanitary and police arrangements.*—The proper arrangements were made for lighting and conservancy at the exhibition grounds and the police kept watch over the grounds. There were no thefts or any untoward incidents.

10. *Receipt and staging of exhibits.*—Exhibits were received from all the taluks, but as a large number of them were received within a few hours of the opening of the exhibition, they had to be classified and staged rather hurriedly. The exhibits were arranged classwar, with labels showing the name of exhibitor, the value of the exhibit and the place of production.

11. *Description of the important exhibits.*—The detailed list of exhibits is found in Appendix A. The more important of them are mentioned hereunder:—

(*a*). Sandal wood articles of Sorab Taluk, showing great skill and finish in execution, consisting mostly of cabinets, models of temples, idols, watch stands, boxes, combs and sticks. These were regarded as superior works of art and the highest prize, *viz.*, a gold medal was awarded for these exhibits.

(*b*). The arecanut exhibits for which this taluk is specially noted, came next in rank and carried off 3 medal prizes and 2 money prizes.

(*c*). Soap stone articles such as tiffin carriers, lotas and Hujas by the artizans of Kowledurga formed an interesting feature.

(*d*). Articles made of cane; but there was not an extensive display. This is a promising industry as cane is to be had in abundance in this taluk.

(*e*). Furniture polish prepared by Mr. Manjappa of Tirthahalli from purely local materials was an object of much interest.

(*f*). Three oil paintings by the neice of the Local Police Inspector showed signs of artistic talent.

(*g*). Various kinds of forest produce exhibited by the Forest Department were much in evidence.

(*h*). Nibs, fountain-pen stylo-pens and a fiddle, all prepared out of silver by a local goldsmith were appreciated.

(*i*). A Veena prepared and exhibited by Mr. Shama Udupa of Nagar (A District Board and Representative member) was greatly admired.

12. *Practical "Demonstrations".*—Amongst agricultural exhibits, may be noted a thrashing machine exhibited by the Agricultural Department, a winnower and various kinds of improved ploughs. Two full grown arecanut trees had been planted in the compound. Practical demonstrations were given in the acts of climbing the trees, jerking from tree to tree, protecting the bunches of arecanut from heavy rains, the flucking of arecanut, etc.

13. *Opening of the exhibition.*—The exhibition was opened by the Deputy Commissioner at 5 P.M. on 7th January 1913. Besides, the local officers and other leading men of the locality, the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, the Assistant Mycologist, the Members of the District Board and a large number of merchants and raiyats both from this and other taluks were present.

14. *Visitors.*—The exhibition was kept open for five days from the 7th to the 11th January, the afternoons of the 10th and 11th being specially reserved for ladies. There were in all about 10,000 visitors.

15. *Explanatory speeches.*—After the opening speech by the Deputy Commissioner, there was a recitation by boys and girls and some music. Pandit Maniyachar lectured in Sanskrit on the advantages of the exhibition, the Joint Secretaries read a report in English and Kanarese respectively, explaining the object of the exhibition.

16. *Cattle show.*—The cattle show was the first of its kind held in this taluk and is expected to do much good, there being only *an insufficient supply of inferior cattle at present.*

17. *Lectures.*—The following gentlemen gave very useful and instructive lectures in the exhibition pendal. The lectures were delivered in Kanarese so that all might understand them.

(1) *Cattle disease.*—"On Cattle Diseases." Mr. Narasimha Iyengar, Superintendent, Civil and Veterinary Department.

(2) *Sanitation.*—"On Sanitation" Mr. Karve, District Sanitary Officer, Shimoga.

(3) *Koleroga.*—"Agricultural and Koleroga," Mr. Ramaiya, Agricultural Inspector.

(4) "On Co-operative Societies by Amildar Mr. S. Narasimha Sastri"

18. *Prizes.*—The prizes awarded came up to Rs. 389-8-0, consisting of 19 medals and 156 money prizes.

Appendix B gives particulars of these.

Appendix C shows the distribution of prizes among the various taluks of the district.

19. *Financial.*—As stated above, the exhibition and the cattle show were financed by funds allotted by the District and Municipal Boards plus a small amount raised by private subscription.

Appendix D gives the details of receipts and expenditure.

20. *Judging of exhibits.*—The names of the Judges appointed for each section of the exhibits are given in Appendix E.

21. *General: the value of the exhibition and the hearty co-operation of the members.*—The exhibition was of great educative value and my thanks are due to the Members of the Committee and the various officers of Government who constituted to make the show an unqualified success.

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ORDER THEREON.—This was the first show and exhibition of the kind held at Tirthahalli and Government note with pleasure that the exhibition was a success and of great educative value.

The articles exhibited numbered 1,789, the cattle collected 104 and the receipts and expenditure were both equal, *viz.*, Rs. 389-8-0. The exhibition was opened on 7th January 1913 and lasted five days, the number of visitors being about 10,000.

Government greatly appreciate the efforts of the Members of the Managing Committee and the various officers of Government who co-operated to make the show a success.

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